THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) The amount released by Central Government to Orissa State for Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), and National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) for the year 1999-2000 is as under:—

S. No.	Scheme	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)	6977.04
2.	Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)	9118.76
3.	Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY)	7968.98
4.	National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)	2792.07

(b) The Government of India have indicated that sufficient funds are available, and the same shall be released after expenditure of funds already released.

Condition of roads in villages

†1495. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no roads in 40 percent villages of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that wherever there are roads, they are in bad shape and most of the roads are in damaged condition and it is a very difficult to even walk on those roads; and

(c) whether Government will provide latest technology pertaining to road construction to State Governments with a view to improve the condition of roads in the villages of the country?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) to (c) The construction and maintenance of roads is the responsibility of the State Governments, for which funds have been allocated to them under the State Plans.

The Central Government are, at present, engaged in formulating a National Programme for Rural Connectivity in the context of which technological aspects pertaining to road construction would also be gone into.

Shortage of safe drinking water in Madhya Pradesh

1496. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and the estimated population so affected in Madhya Pradesh that do not have safe drinking water; and

(b) how the Central Government propose to augment the efforts of the State Government to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the information provided by the State Government there are 3731 habitations in Madhya Pradesh, which do not have access to safe drinking water. The population affected is approximately 5,34,350.

(b) The State Governments have been allowed to take up projects under the Sub-Mission Programme to tackle the Water Quality issues, by utilising upto 20% of the funds allocated to them under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The expenditure for this purpose is to be met by sharing of funds in 75:25 ratio between the Central and the State Governments. Powers to plan, sanction and implement projects under the Sub-Mission Programme have been delegated to the State Governments, with effect from 1.4.1998.